#### Correction

# Development and evaluation of scheme for serotyping Gardnerella vaginalis

We regret that an error occurred in table 1 of this paper by CA Ison, DG Harvey, A Tanna, and CSF Easmon (June issue, p 198). The correct table is shown below. In the Results section of the text, on the same page as table 1, four lines from the bottom of the second column, the score showing that each observer had found that the strain gave at least a weak reaction should have been <2, not 3.

Table 1 Selection of criteria for evaluating serotyping

Sum of scores	Minimum individual scores* by observers:			No (%) of isolates	No (%) of isolates reactive with	Total no
	1	2	3	— typed (n=91)	single antiserum	of serogroups
>5	2	2	2	39 (43)	34 (37)	12
>4	2	2	1	57 (63)	49 (54)	14
>3	1	1	2	65 (71)	50 (55)	16
>2	i	ī	ī	79 (87)	52 (57)	20
>1	i	i	Ö	84 (92)	45 (50)	28

<sup>\*0 =</sup> negative, 1 = weak reaction (less than that of control), 2 = strong reaction (equal or greater than that of control). Antibody dilution = 1:10 000.

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# Fifth Zagazig international conference of dermatology and venereology

The fifth Zagazig international conference of dermatology and venereology will be held on 6 to 10 February 1988 in Cairo, Egypt.

For further information please contact Professor M Amer, Chairman, Dermatology and Venereology Department, Faculty of Medicine, Zagazig, Egypt.

### First conference of the European Society for Chlamydia Research

The first conference of the European Society for Chlamydia Research will be held on 30 May to 1 June 1988 in Bologna, Italy. The main topics will include: epidemiology and preventive measures against chlamydial infections (with *C trachomatis* and *C psittaci*) in Europe, biology, clinical manifestations and treatment, immunology and interaction between host and parasite, diagnostic procedures, chlamydial genetics, and vaccine development.

Please contact Dr Roberto Cevenini, Institute of Microbiology, University of Bologna, S Orsola University Hospital, 9 via Massarenti, 40138 Bologna, Italy (tel: 051-341652/302435).

#### Anglo-Scandinavian conference on sexually transmitted diseases

The Anglo-Scandinavian conference on sexually transmitted diseases will be held on 11 to 13 May 1988 at the Royal Society of Medicine, London.

For information please contact the conference secretariat (Miss Barbara Komoniewska) at the Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1 (Tel: 01 408 2119 ext: 301).

# 34th General assembly of the International Union against the Venereal Diseases and Treponematoses (IUVDT)

The 34th general assembly of the IUVDT

will be held on 3-4 June 1988 at the Palais de Festivals de Cannes, Cannes, France.

For information please contact Dr Maugh, Secretary General of the IUVDI The General Infirmary at Leeds, Grea George Street, Leeds LSI 3EX. (Tel: 053 432799).

## Spring meeting of the Medical Society for th Study of Venereal Diseases (MSSVD)

The spring meeting of the MSSVD will b held on 30 June to 3 July 1988 at Cambridge England.

For information contact the local organiser, Dr MR FitzGerald, Addenbrooke' Hospital, Cambridge, CB2 2QQ or the trave agent, Mr Peter Davidson, Horncastl Travel Limited, 10 Market Street, New castle-upon-Tyne, NEI 6JF.